

during the session of the Senate on September 29, 2005, at 11:45 a.m., to conduct a vote on the nomination of Mr. Keith E. Gottfried, of California, to be General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Mr. Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service; Mr. Darryl W. Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce; Ms. Kim Kendrick, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Mr. Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Mr. David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; Mr. Keith A. Nelson, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Ms. Darlene F. Williams, of Texas to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Mr. Emil Henry Jr., of New York, to be Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions; and Mr. Patrick O'Brien, of Minnesota, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at 10 a.m., on Communications in Disaster, in SD 562.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on pending treaties.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, September 29, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in Senate Dirksen Office Building Room 226.

Agenda

I. Nominations

Timothy Flanigan, to be Deputy Attorney General; and Susan Neilson, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

II. Bills

S. 1088, Streamlined Procedures Act of 2005; Kyl, Cornyn, Grassley, Hatch.

S. Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005; Specter, Leahy, Feinstein, Feingold.

S. 751, Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act; Feinstein, Kyl.

S. 1326, Notification of Risk to Personal Data Act; Sessions.

S. 1086, A Bill to Improve the National Program to Register and Monitor Individuals Who Commit Crimes Against Children or Sex Offenses; Hatch, Biden, Schumer.

S. 956, Jetseta Gage Prevention and Deterrence of Crimes Against Children Act of 2005; Grassley, Kyl, Cornyn.

S. 1699, Stop Counterfeiting in Manufactured Goods Act; Specter, Leahy, Hatch, DeWine, Cornyn, Brownback, Feingold.

S. 1095, Protecting American Goods and Services Act of 2005; Cornyn, Leahy.

H.R. 683, Trademark Dilution Revision Act of 2005; Smith-TX.

S. 1647, Hurricane Katrina Bankruptcy Relief and Community Protection Act of 2005; Feingold, Leahy, Durbin, Kennedy, Feinstein.

S. 443, Antitrust Criminal Investigative Improvements Act of 2005; DeWine, Kohl, Leahy.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to meet to conduct a hearing on "Judicial Nominations" on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at 2 p.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Veterans' Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 29, 2005, for a committee hearing to consider the following nominations: 1. William F. Tuerk, Under Sec for Memorial Affairs, VA 2. Robert J. Henke, Asst Sec for Management, VA 3. John M. Molino, Asst Sec of Policy and Planning, VA 4. Lisette M. Mondello, Asst Sec of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, VA 5. George J. Opfer, Inspector General, VA

The hearing will take place in Room 418 of the Russell Senate Office Building at 10 a.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., for a hearing entitled "The Defense Travel System: Boon or Boondoggle?"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging to authorized to meet Thursday, September 29, 2005 from 10 a.m. in Hart 216 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a hearing on U.S.-Japan Relations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security be authorized to meet on Thursday, September 29, 2005, at 3 p.m. for a hearing regarding "GSA II: The Procurement Process from Start to Finish."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privilege of the floor be granted to Jonathan Epstein, a legislative fellow in the office of Senator BINGAMAN, during consideration of this H.R. 2863 appropriations for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2006 and any votes thereupon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Susan Ball be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of the Defense appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that privilege of the floor be granted to Mr. David Bann, a detailee with Senator GREGG's office, during consideration of the fiscal year 2006 Defense appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Donnie Walker, a fellow serving in Senator COCHRAN's office, be granted the privilege of the floor during the duration of the consideration of fiscal year 2006 Defense appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Senator McCain's legislative fellow, Navy CDR Shawn Grenier, be granted the privilege of the floor during consideration of H.R. 2863.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, on behalf of Senator KENNEDY, I ask unanimous consent that Douglas Thompson, a Navy fellow in his office, be granted floor privileges during the consideration of H.R. 2863, the fiscal year 2006 Defense appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mr. Andrew Schulman, a legislative fellow on Senator DOMENICI's staff, be given floor privileges for the duration of the debate on H.R. 2863.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

JOINT REFERRAL OF NOMINATION

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, as in executive session, I ask unanimous consent that the nomination of Franklin L. Lavin, of Ohio, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, be referred jointly to the Committee on Finance and Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1802

Mr. FRIST. I understand there is a bill at the desk. I ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1802) to provide for appropriate waivers, suspensions or exemptions from provisions of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, with respect to individual account plans affected by Hurricane Katrina or Rita.

Mr. FRIST. I ask for a second reading and, in order to place the bill on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

ORDERS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 30. I further ask that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and there then be a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, tomorrow is the last day of the fiscal year. During tomorrow's session, we will need to pass the continuing resolution, which is at the desk. Tomorrow morning, we will turn to that joint resolution and we expect a rollcall vote. We hope to have that vote by 10:15 in the morning. Senators should adjust their schedules accordingly.

After we complete the continuing resolution tomorrow, we will return to the Defense appropriations bill. Senators will be able to offer amendments at that time. On Friday, we will update all Members as to next week's schedule.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:26 p.m., adjourned until Friday, September 30, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate September 29, 2005:

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

GIGI HYLAND, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING AUGUST 2, 2011, VICE DEBORAH MATZ, RESIGNED.

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

J. THOMAS ROSCH, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE A FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSIONER FOR THE TERM OF SEVEN YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 2005, VICE THOMAS B. LEARY, TERM EXPIRED.

UNITED NATIONS

MARGARET SPELLINGS, OF TEXAS, TO BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION.

THE JUDICIARY

JAMES HARDY PAYNE, OF OKLAHOMA, TO BE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT JUDGE FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT, VICE STEPHANIE K. SEYMOUR, RETIRED.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate Thursday, September 29, 2005:

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

JOHN G. ROBERTS, JR., OF MARYLAND, TO BE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES.